

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 10 OCTOBER 1955

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] reported that the CIA budget hearings are scheduled for 16-17 October, with General Cabell handling the presentation. The Geographic Area might be involved on the question of External Research for D/GP.

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2. [REDACTED] reported that Mr. Guthe has raised some questions concerning the proposed outline for D/GG's USSR New Lands project and also on two proposed articles for MR-48. The MR articles involved are the ones on the status of Trieste, which Mr. Guthe questioned as sounding like straight political intelligence, and the article on the Human Resources Area Files, which Mr. Guthe feels should not become involved with already developed CIA policy concerning the HRAF. On this latter article D/GG should consult [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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3. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] St/A, will be making a survey of reports prepared in ORR, both substantive and administrative, down to the Branch level. Evaluation will be made as to the actual need for such reporting. [REDACTED] commented that he will brief RQM/OIS on 19 October concerning the services that can be provided OIS by the Geographic Area. It was decided that [REDACTED] should also participate in this briefing. 25X1A9a

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4. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if the Management Staff has started work on a proposed regulation that will define D/GH missions and functions. [REDACTED] reported that the work has started but that clarification is needed on some functions.

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5. [REDACTED] expressed hope that the new Executive Director of ARA may be favorable to the appointment of a Geographic Attache for Latin America. [REDACTED] also said that he anticipates increasingly better and closer relations this year with the Department of State.

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6. [REDACTED] reported that D/GH is planning on a new machine to reproduce ACFP and TTP photo mosaics and charts as needed. [REDACTED] has indicated that it should be financially possible, and [REDACTED] is working on the problem.

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7. [REDACTED] reported that he anticipates a request for requirements on the USSR to cover observable aspects that should be looked for if an air inspection and photo reconnaissance program is agreed to by the USSR. [REDACTED] requested that [REDACTED] prepare such requirements for observable data, with priorities indicated.

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8. [REDACTED] commented that the new mm-50 camera is arousing much interest and that it may be used by either the Marine Corps or by the Navy in Antarctica. Also, USGS is interested in the camera.

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9. [REDACTED] commented that he is in touch with [REDACTED] who is a good contact for placing IGY requirements.

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10. [REDACTED] reported progress on the problem of developing an adequate copy camera for meeting D/GP requirements. An External Research project for [REDACTED] is being developed. TSS is willing to pay for the project, and the Camera will be used by Reproduction to meet D/GP requirements.

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11. [REDACTED] commented that ATIC representatives are coming to Washington to work with D/GP.

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12. [REDACTED] commented that he is going to discuss with [REDACTED] the problem of "ice-clogging". ONR probably will develop a contract with some University or Institute for PI analysis of ice movements with regard to predicting ice movements.

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13. [REDACTED] reported that a former colleague of his will lead a USGS field team to Pakistan. The leader will act as advisor to the Pakistan Geological Survey in addition to heading a survey of the country's geology and natural resources.

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14. [REDACTED] reported on a meeting with Dr. Thirsten of NRC on the subject of uses for precise globes and curve maps. [REDACTED] recommended using them for plotting IGY data.

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15. [REDACTED] reported that HO is making available copies of the new edition of the antarctic base map.

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16. [REDACTED] mentioned the problem of sending limited-distribution D/GG reports to Vital Storage. They should be placed in a file reserved for Geographic Area use only. [REDACTED] will check on this problem Thursday with [REDACTED]

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*17. [REDACTED] reported that the Geographic Area Annex to the global war plan, which was recently completed and sent forward, has been reviewed and praised by the AD/RR. However, the question of active military reservists must be given more consideration. Mobilization assignments within the Area or elsewhere in the Agency must be made for all the active reservists, or else they will be declared surplus to CIA and turned over to the appropriate armed service for wartime assignment. Active reservists without a mobilization assignment could be declared essential civilians; however, this would require that the individual drop his active reserve status. So we need to set up enough military billets to take care of our people who are active reservists. [REDACTED] also commented that Mr. Amory has said that the DDI war plan does not allow for any field teams except for [REDACTED]. Mr. Guthe says that possibly Map Procurement can also be provided for. The Geography, Photo Intelligence and Cartography field units would have to be DD/P support teams, outside of the control of DDI. This policy might still be subject to change in the future.

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*18. [REDACTED] commented that the CIA liaison personnel to SAC and ADC have not been named as yet. Three people are being considered by the Agency for the SAC assignment but it is reported that A-2 is against the whole idea.